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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John
4 James Rafter, Retired Captain of the Chicago Police Department,
5 of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Edison Park, Chicago, who
6 recently passed away; and

7 WHEREAS, He was the son of the late James and Mary, nee
8 Sheridan, Rafter, from the counties Mayo and Sligo, Ireland;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, He and his wife raised their children in Edison
11 Park, Chicago, where they lived for 32 years; and

12 WHEREAS, During his years as a police officer, he attained
13 the rank of Captain and position of Assistant Deputy
14 Superintendent in charge of Internal Affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, After he retired, they moved to Spring Hill,
16 Florida, where he enjoyed playing golf and traveling; and

17 WHEREAS, John James Rafter was the beloved husband of Fern,
18 nee LeGere, for 59 years; the loving father of Martin (Roberta
19 Werneske), Peggy (Richard) Thompson, James (Loretta), William
20 (Diane), and Sheila (Matthew) Sledz; the grandfather of

1 Jennifer, and the late Michael Rafter, Ryan, Scott, Sean, and
2 Megan Thompson, Daniel and Lauren Rafter, and Bridget and
3 Eileen Sledz; the brother of Bridget (James) McNamara; the
4 brother-in-law of Frank LeGere; and the uncle of many nieces
5 and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of John
9 James Rafter; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of John James Rafter as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.